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REMARKS

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1. At 1:30 p.m. on 24 August, a train with 15 covered tanks with JS chassis, 4 tank trucks, [redacted] jeeps, troops on 15 boxcars and ammunition on 3 boxcars passed through the Boehlen railroad station near Leipzig (N 52/E 21) in the direction of Dorna (N 52/E 39). *

2. [redacted] all German craftsmen working at the barracks installations in Zeitz were to leave by 13 October as recruits would arrive after that date. **

3. On 1 September 1952, the area around the troop training grounds of Lossa (N 52/J 59) was cordoned off to such an extent as to make impossible any approach; also the southern exit of the Wiehe-Lossa road was blocked. [redacted] these security measures were taken only three days ago. The noise of firing tanks and AT guns was continuously heard from the training area. Six BA-64 armored scout cars were seen west of Marienroda. They practiced firing with blank cartridges and left in the direction west of the woods.

4. On 27 August, 10 canvas-covered tanks, 12 trucks [redacted] and 200 to 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded at the Dellgow-Deeberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station. The train pulled out in the direction of Ostermark at 6:15 p.m. On 28 August, about 23 tank trucks [redacted] and 40 to 50 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were loaded. ***

- * Comment. [redacted] According to observation of the chassis, the tanks were of a heavy type, and therefore it is believed that the train, which apparently carried a tank unit about company strength possibly went to Glauchau where the 220th Hvy Tank Bn Regt of the Eighth Gds Army is stationed.
- ** Comment. It is conceivable that more recruits from the U.S.S.R. will arrive in October. [redacted] two troop trains fit for transit traffic are to be made available for Ligar on 19 September and another such train for Gotha on 23 September. [redacted]

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Comment. According to a previous report, the train on 27 August carried a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div to Neustrelitz and that on 28 August to Koenigs-
wusterhausen.

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